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PRODUCTION OF RICE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether production of rice in the State of Assam and other North Eastern States has declined during 2006-07 and 2007-08;

(b) if so, the details regarding rice production in those States during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government to help these States overcome the shortfall?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The details of production of crops from the North Eastern States other than Assam are collected only at the time of the final estimates, which, for the year 2007-08, are not yet due. The estimated production of rice in the State of Assam during 2007-08 (3rd Advance Estimates released on 22.4.2008) is 29.17 lakh tonnes as compared to 29.16 lakh tonnes during 2006-07.

(b): The details of rice production in the North Eastern States during the last three years is as under:-

State Production of Rice (LakhTonnes)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Assam	34.71	35.53	29.16
Manipur	4.36	3.86	3.86
Meghalaya	1.94	1.52	2.00
Mizoram	1.04	0.99	0.30
Nagaland	2.60	2.63	2.64
Sikkim	0.22	0.22	0.22
Tripura	5.45	5.53	6.21

(c): To increase the production of Rice in the country, including North Eastern States, Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping System Area (ICDP-Rice) since October 2000 under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture. This scheme is implemented on 90:10 sharing basis between Government of India and the States. Under this scheme, assistance is provided to the farmers for distribution of seeds, propagation of improved production technology, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), training of farmers including women, farm implements and installation of sprinkler irrigation system. Besides, Frontline Demonstrations are also organized by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research/State Agriculture Universities on the farmers' fields to popularize the frontier technologies among farmers.

Further, Government has launched the National Food Security Mission to increase the production of Rice, among others, by 10 million tonnes by the end of the 11th Five Year Plan (2011-12) in the targeted districts of the country, including districts of the State of Assam.